

2020 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment Number 3 Summary

for

HUD Community Development Block Grant - CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Funding

May 2022

A. CARES Act, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funding

To date the City of Columbus has been awarded the following HUD funding from the Federal CARES Act through the 2020 Community Development Block Grant program:

CDBG-CV (Community Development Block Grant)

Round 1: \$ 4,388,525

Round 2: 4,968,840

Total: \$ 9,357,365

The City of Columbus, Department of Finance and Management, has amended the 2020 Action Plan twice before to include activities for CARES Act funds. The first round of funds was amended to the 2020 Action Plan in September 2021 after a public meeting. In May 2021, a second substantial amendment budgeted CDBG-CV funds after a new allocation of grant funding was awarded to the City.

CDBG-CV funding needs have been reassessed by the Department of Finance and Management. A third substantial amendment is now required to propose projects and funding allocations for the CDBG-CV grant dollars. All of these grant funds will prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. 2020 Annual Action Plan CDBG-CV Substantial Amendment Number 3

The City has developed a plan to reallocate CDBG-CV funds across seven projects, to include:

Downtown Permanent Public Restrooms

- Installation of permanent public restrooms in three locations in Downtown Columbus
- Project budget: \$120,533

Safe Recreation

- Installation/replacement of dividers in City recreation facility gyms
- Various park improvements to address social distancing and access to safe outdoor spaces in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods
- Project budget: \$530,000

Renovations of Columbus Public Health Second Floor

- Renovation of clinics and offices at Columbus Public Health, including the Dental Clinic, Tuberculosis Clinic, COVID-19 Clinic, Alcohol and Drug Clinic, and Neighborhood Social Services section, to increase the capacity and availability of targeted health services.
- Project budget: \$1,000,000

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Sanctuary Night Human Trafficking Prevention and Victim Support

- Funding support for the Franklinton not-for-profit organization's delivery of public services to women caught in cycles of prostitution with the objective of addressing various types of abuse, violence, mental health, and other matters.
- Project budget: \$250,000

Broadband Access in Low- to Moderate-Income Neighborhoods

- Installation of wireless broadband internet in Columbus low- to moderate-income areas
- Project budget: \$250,000

Administrative Costs

- Includes costs associated with the administration of CDBG-CV monies, including allocable City of Columbus personnel salaries and associated fringe benefits, allocable audit fees, and allocable subrecipient monitoring and reporting expenses, if and as applicable.
- Project budget: \$425,000

Neighborhood City HVAC Improvements

- HVAC system improvements in City of Columbus low to moderate income neighborhoods.
- Project budget: \$1,500,000

The City of Columbus is canceling two existing CDBG-CV funded projects from the 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Columbus City Schools HVAC Improvements

- HVAC Improvements to improve air flow and quality at Westmoor Middle School and North Linden Elementary School
- Budget: \$4,068,840

C. Citizen Participation Process

The Grants Management Section will open a public comment period on May 16, 2022 for thirty (30) days to gather feedback on these proposed projects. During that comment period, a public hearing will be held with City Council to discuss the proposed projects and allow for comment by the public and by members of Council. Once all comments have been gathered and addressed, the final proposed amendment will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and approval. The Grants Management Section will then submit an ordinance to appropriate the full amount of \$3,850,000 among the projects outlined in the amendment.

